

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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On Thursday, July 25, 2014, just before 11:00 p.m., Long Beach police officers responded to a shooting in the 3200 Block of Baltic Avenue. When officers arrived, they discovered 29-year-old Olataga Filemoni on the ground suffering from several gunshot wounds. Long Beach Paramedics quickly transported Olataga to a local hospital where he underwent emergency surgery. On July 28, 2014, Olataga succumbed to his injuries and died at the hospital.

Investigators learned Olataga, a Long Beach resident, was talking with a friend and a relative in front of his residence when a car they did not recognize stopped in front of the house. Someone from inside the car yelled a gang phrase at the group, since no one in Olataga's group was from a gang they initially did not react to the statement. Almost simultaneously upon making the statement gun shots were fired from inside the car at Victim Olataga and his group. Only one person with Olataga was able to provide a description of the car as a small compact. Several other witnesses reported hearing the shots but nobody has come forward to provide a description of the suspect(s).

Investigators have canvassed the neighborhood looking for witnesses to the incident and feel they are at a point where it would be beneficial to offer a reward, which may prompt reluctant witnesses to come forward and provide information to identify the individuals responsible for this crime. They can remain anonymous.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors extend the offer of a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s) of this heinous crime.

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